

**Resolution authorizing a one-year contract with the Capital Area Humane Society to operate the "AdvoCAT" spay/neuter program and conduct animal cruelty investigations in Franklin County (Community Partnerships) (\$70,000)**

**WHEREAS**, the problem of free roaming cats, if left unchecked, will lead to ever increasing levels of tragic and preventable animal suffering and pose a threat to public health through the potential spread of diseases like rabies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Capital Area Humane Society is statutorily responsible for providing animal law enforcement services for Franklin County and is the only open admissions shelter for cats in Central Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, as evidence of community need, in 2009 the Capital Area Humane Society responded to 7,008 reports of animal cruelty and neglect, which led to 2,655 formal investigations, and paid for the spay or neuter of 1,113 stray cats; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners wishes to continue support of the Capital Area Humane Society efforts to reduce the suffering of animals and promote public safety and is so authorized by Sec. 1717.15, ORC; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

That the attached purchase order, individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List, and the attached collaboration agreement between the Capital Area Humane Society and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000, are hereby approved.

Prepared by Kate Matheny

Cc: Auditor

Capital Area Humane Society